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1. SRI LANKA'S MINISTER OF FINANCE AND JUSTICE,FELIX
DIAS BANDARANAIKE, LEFT COLOMBO SEPTEMBER 10 FOR THE
U.A.E., LIBYA AND NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,
BANDARANAIKE IS GOING TO NEW YORK TO CHAIR MEETING OF
NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU, APPARENTLY IN FOURTH
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

2. MINISTER IS ACCOMPANIED BY FINANCE MINISTRY SECRETARY,
DR. LAL JAYAWARDENA,PLANNING MINISTRY SECRETARY,PROF.
H.A.DES. GUNASEKERA AND CHAIRMAN OF BANK OF CEYLON,
GAMINI WICKRAMANAYAKE.STOPS IN THE U.A.E. AND LIBYA
ENROUTE TO NEW YORK SEEM CERTAIN TO BE ATTEMPTS TO
OBTAIN PETRODOLLARS TO EASE SRI LANKA'S CHRONIC BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.WE ALSO UNDERSTAND MINISTER AND
PERHAPS SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS WILL GO ON
TO MANILA TO IMB/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS WHICH WILL
BEGIN AT END OF SEPTEMBER. MEETINGS ARE PRECEDED BY A
MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS IN HONG KONG.

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